

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Introduction

The present Amendment is in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed December 19, 2006. By this paper, claims 98 and 99 are canceled. Allowed claims 1-97, and 100-102 remain pending and the application is in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-97, and 100-102 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful review and allowance of these claims. While Applicant agrees that these claims are allowable, Applicant submits that it is the claim as a whole, rather than any particular limitation, that makes each of the claims allowable. No single limitation should be construed as the reason for allowance of a claim because it is each of the elements of the claim that makes it allowable. Therefore, Applicant does not concede that the reasons for allowable subject matter given by the Examiner are the only reasons that make, or would make, the claims allowable.

The cancellation of claims 98 and 99 is not an admission that the claims are anticipated or taught by the cited art. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that the claims as presented herein are in allowable form. In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, or which may be overcome by an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,

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